

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
)	Civil Action No. 1:25-cv-02029
CHIEF JUDGE GEORGE L. RUSSELL, III,)	
<i>in his official capacity, et al.</i> ,)	
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Defendants.)	
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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
AMICUS BRIEF OF MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, JOINED BY 39 LAW
FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND 183 INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS,
IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO DISMISS &
OPPOSING PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

The Maryland State Bar Association (“MSBA”), joined by the 39 law firms and organizations and the 183 individual attorneys listed in Appendices A and B (collectively with MSBA, “Amici”), and pursuant to L.R. 105.12, hereby move for leave to file as *amici curiae* in support of Defendants. The proposed brief is attached hereto. In support of this motion, *amici* state:

1. *Movant’s interest:* The MSBA is a voluntary bar association that consists of more than 17,000 attorneys and is the state’s leading voice for the law community. Its mission is to effectively represent Maryland’s lawyers, to provide member services, and to promote professionalism, diversity in the legal profession, access to justice, service to the public and respect for the rule of law.

2. *The reason why an amicus brief is desirable and why the matters asserted are relevant to the disposition of the case:* The procedural posture of this case—a lawsuit against all active and senior District Judges of this Court, the Clerk, and the Court itself to challenge a Standing Order entered in pending cases—is unprecedented. To be sure, the Government, like any

other party to litigation, has the right to challenge a judicial order with which it disagrees. But to allow a party in active litigation to launch that challenge by filing a separate lawsuit against the very court from which the order issued will undoubtedly compromise the adversarial process, overload judicial resources, and drastically alter attorneys' competing professional obligations to zealously advocate on behalf of clients, to fulfill their obligations as officers of the court, and to advance the rule of law and the administration of justice. With concern that the Government's course of action, if permitted here, compromises these necessary pillars of both the judicial system and our profession, the Amici support dismissal on procedural grounds.

3. *Filing the proposed amicus brief supports:* Defendants' Motion to Dismiss (ECF 24).

4. *Authorship:* No party's counsel authored the brief in whole or in part.

5. *Funding:* No party or its counsel contributed money to fund the preparation and/or submission of the brief.

6. *Request for Consent:* Undersigned counsel conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendants. Plaintiffs' counsel stated they will not oppose the filing of this brief. Defendants consent to the filing of this brief.

WHEREFORE, Amici respectfully request that this Court grant their motion for leave to file a brief as *amici curiae* and enter an order directing the Clerk to docket the brief.

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ORDER

Upon consideration of the UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF OF MARYLAND STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, JOINED BY 39 LAW FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND 183 INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEYS, IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS & OPPOSING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ("Motion for Leave"), it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion for Leave is **GRANTED**.

The Clerk shall docket the brief attached to the Motion for Leave.

ENTERED this ____ day of July, 2025.

HON. THOMAS T. CULLEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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